MAY 13, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

JORDAN THOMAS.

Mr. STRODE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

. [To accompany H. R. 8862.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8862) granting an increase of pension to Jordan Thomas, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant was a private in Company H, Third Kentucky Volunteers, and served from September 16, 1847, to July 21, 1848, in the Mexican war.

Mr. Thomas is now a pensioner at \$12 per month under the Mexican war pension acts of January 29, 1887, and January 5, 1893.

He is 81 years old, unable to do any labor by which to earn a support for himself and aged wife, and without property or income aside from his pension.

There are many precedents for the proposed legislation, and in view of the facts set forth above the passage of the bill is respectfully recommended, with an amendment fixing the rate of pension at \$18 per month.